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EXTENSION OF THE FOURTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Note by the Administrator

1. The fourth country programme for the Republic of Korea was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) for the programme period 1987 to 1991.

2. The provisions of decision 91/29 of 25 June 1991 concerning countries with per capita gross national product (GNP) above $3,000 apply to the Republic of Korea, which had a per capita GNP of $4,400 in 1989. The indicative planning figure (IPF) for the fifth cycle is being calculated according to the provisions of Governing Council decision 91/29. The Council will be informed of this IPF at its current session. After comprehensive discussions, the Government informed the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in November 1991, through the office of the Resident Representative, of its intent to support continued cooperation with UNDP through increased Government cost-sharing contributions for the fifth cycle.

3. Consultations are currently under way with regard to the changed orientation of the new country programme, which will concentrate on the areas of focus specified in Governing Council decision 90/34 and the comparative advantages of UNDP in the country.

4. For the above reasons, the Government has requested a one-year extension of the fourth country programme. This will provide the required time to prepare the fifth country programme and to estimate the Government

contributions needed to maintain the UNDP presence in the country. The emphases of the current country programme on human resource development, environmental management, and industrial reorganization which seeks to reinforce the human dimension of development will remain valid for the period of the extension.

5. The Administrator wishes to inform the Governing Council that he has approved the extension of the fourth country programme for the Republic of Korea for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1992.